



Why not get your child into a SAVING habit?

Esh Winning Primary School is working with NE First Credit Union to help your child save for that special occasion (Birthdays, Christmas, Holidays or Treats) just by opening a savings account!

The 'Junior Savers' scheme is the perfect way for anyone up to 16 years old to save: They can save as little or as much as you want/can each week, it does not have to be the same amount each week, it's FREE to join and it's part of the National Curriculum (Citizenship)

What they get- Savings book, Paying in slips, Piggy Bank, Saving for something special!

Saving as little as £1 a week in your child's account means they would save £39 a school year! Children can use the money to spend on whatever you want and children save by bringing money into school each week

The collection point will be the school office and it will run from 8:00am - 8:50am and break times on Wednesday mornings. Slips and books (which will be provided at the beginning) will need to be present every time your child wants to put money into their account.

What you need to do

If your child wants to open an account, we need permission from parents. Please contact the school office for an application form, this needs to be signed and returned to the school office.

What next?

When we receive the completed form your child will receive a savings book. Once they send in their first savings, they will get their own PIGGY BANK to store their savings for banking on Wednesdays.

RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 17th March we will be celebrating Red Nose Day in school.

Please help us raise lots of money for comic relief!



We will be **selling foam red noses (not official merchandise)** from Monday 14th March which can be bought for **£1.00 each** from the school office (please send in the correct change) and **please only one nose per child.**

We will also be **selling raffle tickets for a Red Nose Cake at £1 a strip.**

All children can also come into school wearing something red, dressed as a little Miss or Mr Men or in non-uniform on Friday 17th March and make a donation of £1 towards this incredible charity.

48 hour rule

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they must stay off school for **48 hours** after their last bout of illness. It is important to keep school updated **daily** so we know when your child is expected back into school. Thanks

Arbor Update .

The school recently changed our electronic system called a Management Information System (MIS) over to a company called Arbor. This MIS system holds data which allows the school to operate and can be used for parent communication and payments. The school are pleased with the new system and staff are enjoying using it.

Shortly we hope to be ready to roll out invitations to download the APP for parents to any smart phone, tablet or desktop. **For the system to work to its best advantage, it is really important to download the APP once we send out invitations.** Parents using the APP will receive push notifications instead of texts, helping parents identify school messages quickly.

The new system will provide school notifications, emails, letters, clubs, trips, consents, parents evenings, as well as holding data, which means everything is in one place for both staff and parents. Parents will be able to amend any change of addresses and telephone/contact details on the APP also.

Once parents have settled into the new APP, the school will then open the payment side the app. This means we will stop using ParentPay. Any balances will be transferred over from ParentPay.

Once we have invitations for parents to download the APP a letter will be sent home.